

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 7, 8 and 9 in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

A³ 7. (Amended) An electro-optical device having a conductor pattern constituted by a plurality of elongated conductors formed in parallel to each other on a base, further having a dummy pattern constituted by a plurality of dummy conductors formed in an area on said base where said conductor pattern is not formed, and in which electro-optical material is disposed on said conductor pattern, wherein said plurality of dummy conductors disposed in an array direction of said plurality of elongated conductors to constitute said dummy pattern are mutually separated in an extending direction of said plurality of elongated conductors.

8. (Amended) An electro-optical device comprising:

a conductor pattern having a plurality of elongated conductors formed in parallel to each other in a first area on a base;

said conductor pattern having a dummy pattern, said dummy pattern being a plurality of dummy conductors formed in at least a second area on said base; and

electro-optical material being disposed on said conductor pattern;

wherein each of said plurality of dummy conductors are disposed in an array direction of said plurality of elongated conductors to form said dummy pattern, and

each of said plurality of dummy conductors are mutually electrically separated in the array direction of said plurality of elongated conductors.

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9. (Amended) The electro-optical device according to Claim 8, wherein at least two of said plurality of dummy conductors disposed in the array direction of said plurality of elongated conductors are each mutually electrically separated in an extending direction of said plurality of elongated conductors.

Please add the following new claims.

10. (New) The electro-optical device according to Claim 8, wherein each of said plurality of dummy conductors being mutually electrically separated in the array direction of said plurality of elongated conductors have a dummy conductor width and a dummy conductor spacing equivalent to a width and a spacing of each of the elongated conductors.

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11. (New) The electro-optical device according to Claim 10, wherein said plurality of elongated conductors formed in parallel to each other have a fixed pitch.

12. (New) The electro-optical device according to Claim 11, wherein said plurality of dummy conductors being mutually electrically separated in the array direction of said plurality of elongated conductors have a dummy conductor pitch equal to the fixed pitch of the plurality of elongated conductors.

13. (New) The electro-optical device according to Claim 8, wherein said plurality of elongated conductors and said plurality of dummy conductors are selected from the group consisting of electrodes and wiring lines formed on said base.

14. (New) An electro-optical device comprising:

a conductor pattern having an electro-optical material disposed thereon;

said conductor pattern having a plurality of conductors, said plurality of conductors formed as adjacent pairs of conductors on a first area of a base;

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said conductor pattern having a plurality of dummy conductors, said plurality of dummy conductors formed as adjacent pairs of dummy conductors on at least a second area of said base;

each of said plurality of conductors and each of said plurality of dummy conductors having a common width;

each of said adjacent pairs of conductors having a common pitch; said common pitch matching a probe pair spacing; and

each of said plurality of dummy conductors being disposed in an array direction of said plurality of conductors;

wherein each of the adjacent pairs of dummy conductors have a dummy conductor pitch matching the probe pair spacing such that the probe pair spacing is retained in the array direction of said plurality of dummy conductors.

15. (New) The electro-optical device according to Claim 14, wherein at least two of said dummy conductors have a length in an extending direction of said plurality of conductors.

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16. (New) The electro-optical device according to Claim 15, wherein the at least two of said plurality of dummy conductors are separated by a gap, said gap perpendicular to the length in the extending direction of said plurality of conductors.

17. (New) The electro-optical device according to Claim 16, wherein said gap comprises a gap dimension smaller than a dimension of the probe pair spacing.

REMARKS

Non-elected Claims 1 – 6 of Group I; provisionally elected, amended Claims 7 – 9 of Group II; and new Claims 10 – 17 are now pending in the application.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider his restriction requirement because both groups of claims are sufficiently related that an undue burden would not be placed upon the Examiner to maintain both groups of claims in a single application. (See MPEP § 803.) Claims 1–9 provide sufficient substance of a method and apparatus to practice the invention that a search regarding either claim set should include the same classes and subclasses.